

## Agricultural Affairs.

### A GOOD RECORD.

A good record was that made by Gilbert Miller of Wilton, Me., who raised on three and a quarter acres of land last season \$264.32 worth of sweet corn, sold to the factory. He also raised \$15 worth of seed corn on the same. He sold the fodder for \$32. Then he had three and a half tons of squashes, one cartload of pumpkins, and the green corn used in one hotel. He received in all, from the three and a quarter acres, \$350 in cash. Mr. Miller attributes his success to the fact that he keeps from twenty to thirty hogs.—[Exchange.]

### GROWING SMALL FRUIT.

I would say to a correspondent that if he goes into small-fruit raising in a business way, and conducts it in a clean and accurate manner, with his "good land," success will be his. It will be well to try not more than two acres each of currants, raspberries and blackberries, as they will need his attention just at the time when he will be in the midst of hay and grain harvesting. When he becomes better acquainted with the berry business, then he can increase his plantings. In using the three fruits mentioned, he will have money coming in when there are usually no farm crops to sell. The number of bushels produced per acre will depend largely on the sorts planted and the care given them. A general idea only can be given; currants from 150 to 175 bushels; raspberries, 60 to 75; and blackberries from 100 to 125. These quantities cannot be reached until the plants are thoroughly established, of course. Raspberry and currant bushes should be planted five feet apart each way, so as to allow room for horse and cultivator both ways; plant the blackberries seven feet apart each way. These distances will allow good, clean, and economical cultivation, without which a man cannot be successful in the berry business.—[Country Gentleman.]

### RAISING CALVES.

February and March calves are the best to raise, as they can get a good start before fly-time. Late summer calves, unless of extra good stock, had better be fattened and sold to the butcher. Let the calf remain with the cow at least two weeks; then remove the calf to a well-lighted and well-bedded box stall. The calf should not be fed for a night and a day; it will learn to drink much quicker when hungry. Give fresh skimmed milk, made lukewarm, about half a gallon at a meal, three times a day. Have the vessel that the calf is fed from clean. If the vessel is not clean and sweet, the calf is very apt to get the scours, which will retard its growth considerably.

Put a small quantity of salt in the milk, and a little prepared chalk; a small quantity of second quality flour, first mixed with cold water and then scalded, commencing with one tablespoonful and gradually increasing it, will make the calf grow very vigorously. Flour is much better than cornmeal, as it will not scour the calf like the latter.

Tie a little bunch of fine hay, in order that the calf may chew it, in one corner of the stall. The calf will soon get to like it. A little oats placed in the bottom of a small trough when the calf is six weeks old will help its growth wonderfully. Whole oats is an excellent feed, as it is muscle-forming, and a calf fed on it will make an even, thrifty growth. Keep the stall clean, the bedding dry, and give plenty of pure air and light. As the calf increases in growth the milk can gradually be withdrawn. Then give more oats and milk-feed mixed together dry in trough—not too much—just what can be eaten up clean. Keep the calf in stall. Rub it down with a brush every day. When warm weather sets in, about June 15, the calf can go to pasture.—[Baltimore American.]

### THROW AWAY PREJUDICE

In one of his institute speeches Professor I. P. Roberts plainly told the farmers present that if they wanted to reduce labor and increase cash returns they must discard prejudices, opinions and traditions. Said he: "I farmed without any plan till I was thirty-five years old. Then one day I sat down and said: 'Roberts, what is all this for, and what am I receiving for it? Why do I rise at three or four o'clock, and work till twelve at night, at carpentering, after my regular work is done?' I received no satisfactory answer and resolved to make a change. I was burned out, lost every dollar I had; it was the best thing that ever happened to me. It set me to thinking, trying to do more with my head and less with my heels. I began to study, plan and think to do better. Now, when I have anything to do, I plan, stop and think."—[Exchange.]

### GLEANNINGS.

The object of all good farming should be, while making a reasonable interest on the value of our farms and earning fair wages for one's own services, to improve the land if poor, or keep it rich, if already so.

The dairyman who makes good butter ought to always put his name on the package. In time his name will recommend the butter and he can generally get prices above ruling quotations. Of course, he should never send out any below his usual standard.

The originator of the Concord grape is still living in Concord, Mass. He is Ephraim W. Bull, now eighty-seven years old. In his garden he still shows the old mother vine of the Concord grape, which he developed from the seeds of a native wild grape planted about fifty years ago.

The healthfulness of farm life is one of its advantages over other occupations which cannot be measured by money value. When you are inclined to complain of poor crops and low prices, it is a good idea to stop and think about the compensating features.

Your horse intends to do right, to obey and please you, and you should treat him accordingly. Do not expect him to know as much as you who can read, but be patient and gentle, and kindly show him how to do. Talk much to your horse and always kindly, and treat him as you would wish were you in his place.

### THE TERROR OF JAVA, AND ITS NEST.

The animal most dreaded in Java is neither the wild cat nor the black leopard, nor even the rhinoceros, nor the royal tiger, all of which are to be found there; but, strange as it may appear, a harmless little creature, no longer than a common squirrel, which is called by the natives *malmag*, and by English-speaking people the *tarsius*. It is, indeed, a weird, strange animal, and is regarded with such dread by the superstitious Javanese that they will abandon a place altogether rather than live in its neighborhood.

As it suddenly appears at dusk moving noiselessly about, showing its queer face amid the leaves of some tree, and peering down upon an intruder with its immense, staring yellow eyes, it is a most unearthly looking animal, reminding one more of the gnomes and imps of fable than of any other creature of flesh and blood. It makes a snug little home under the roots of the giant bamboo canes of Java, where the husband and wife, who are never far apart, bring up their queer little families. They are very dainty animals, and always make sure that their food is fresh and good by killing themselves; they will touch nothing that has been partly eaten. They live upon small lizards, of which they are very fond, but will eat shrimps and insects if nothing better is to be had. They never drink a second time from the same water. The *tarsius* seldom makes any noise, but sometimes gives a single sharp, shrill cry, which it does not repeat. During the day it is always fast asleep, but at night appears quite lively, springing about and climbing everywhere. It is easily tamed and is very gentle, loves to be caressed and petted, and in return it licks the hands and face and creeps about the person of its owner. When a stranger draws near its cage, it tries at first to stare him out of countenance by fixing its great, owl-like eyes upon him, and never winking or moving them away. If this does not answer and the intruder continues to draw near, the *tarsius* will draw up his lips and show a set of beautiful, regular, sharp teeth; but it never bites. It laps water like a dog or cat, but much more slowly; and it eats a great deal for so small an animal. It has a great aversion to light and loves the darkest corner, where it will sit up like a squirrel and hold its food a long time in its forepaws before eating it.

Some animals have swiftness, some have strength, some cunning, and others are clad in coats of bony mail to protect them from their enemies; but the only defense with which the *tarsius* is endowed, and it seems to be effectual, is its strange weird appearance and staring eyes.—[J. C. Beard in Our Animal Friends.]

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